

## **Town of Arlington**

### **Transportation Advisory Committee**

Minutes of 3/10/10, 7:15 pm to 10:00 pm, Town Hall Annex, First Floor Conf. Room.

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

**Members and Associates Present:** Elisabeth Carr-Jones, John Lentz, Jeff Maxtutis, Howard Muise, Mike Rademacher, Corey Rateau, Scott Smith, Ed Starr, Laura Wiener; missing members: Steve Kurland.

**Visitors Present:** Art Budnick (Friends of Council on Aging)

1. Public Comments. Art Budnick, representing the Friends of Council on Aging, told TAC about his organization's efforts to understand Seniors' transportation needs. Invited TAC members to come to their meeting on March 16. Jean will attend.
2. Administration.
  - Minutes of 2/22/10 were approved unanimously.
  - Correspondence and other handouts were reviewed.
  - Status of Outstanding Actions: Stratton—no left turn voted by Selectmen on 3/8; Countdown Signal for crosswalks at Rte. 60 and Mass. Ave.—Mike got a quote from Reliant for \$6000. Waiting for estimates for loops at Park and Mass. Ave, Radar signs at Peirce School, adjustments to light at Brattle and Mass. Ave. Wheelchair Ramps in front of Sunrise Assisted Living are underway. Downing Square Survey is complete. Signs on Appleton have been installed.
3. New Member Status. Ed, Jeff and Jack Hurd have interviewed 6 candidates, with 4 more to go. There are three seats open, one member and two associate seats. Expect to have recommendations by next month.
4. Library Way. Jean reported that there is a sign at the end of the last parking space on Mass. Ave. at Library Way (now Peg Spengler Way). One space has been removed, though it was not a legal space (too close to driveway). She suggested we study installing a bump-out east of Library Way to improve visibility. Laura added that the MBTA has ARRA funding available for enhancements to highly used bus routes. We might have the opportunity to suggest to the MBTA that they use those funds at this location. Laura will follow up.
5. Bicycle Safety. Report from the Working Group is expected to go to Selectmen on March 22. It proposes short and long term changes to the Rte. 60/Mass. Ave. intersection. ABAC has recommended including bike lanes on Park Ave. wherever it is wide enough to do so, and fog lines where it isn't. **Voted unanimously.** Ed will write a letter of support.
6. No. Union and Everett. Width of street is 25', very tight with cars parked on both sides, made worse when curbs installed. Request for parking ban on one side of street. Jean will look into it for next meeting.
7. Eustis St. Request for speed bump. Corey reported that there has been only one ticket issued, and no crashes reported on this street. Doesn't appear to be sufficient speeding to warrant it. Howard will work on traffic calming policy to guide TAC on future requests.
8. Cedar/Hawthorne/Fountain. Request for assistance. This is a five-way intersection of private ways. Recommendation that the owners of the private ways meet to discuss this. There is very little the Town can do. Elisabeth will attend to explain.
9. Brigham's Site. Working Group (WG) met with traffic consultant and owner. Ed counted the park cars in the middle of a school day and there were 61 cars parked on Brigham's property near the High School. When it becomes parking for the new apartments, these cars will need to find other spaces. WG will continue to work with developers and report to ARB.
10. TAC website. Elisabeth reported that she is transferring the TAC website over to the Town's website. Future documents should be sent to the Town via the Request/Answer site on the Town website.
11. Battle Road Scenic Byways. Arlington is part of a multi-town effort to promote tourism by promoting our Revolutionary War history. Sites include Mass. Ave. and Lowell Street (Foot of the Rocks) and Paul Revere Road. TAC should coordinate with the Committee where possible.

12. Schools.
  - a. Stratton. Still having difficulties with the circle. Other fixes being considered.
  - b. Dallin. Mass. Highway Public Hearing on 25% design plans for Safe Routes to Schools improvements is scheduled for April 8. DPW needs to secure easements.
13. Clean Air and Mobility Program. Laura is working on a proposal for funding to improve conditions at Rte. 60/Mass. Ave. Application is due April 1.
14. Thermoplastic Crosswalk Review Plan. A new prioritized list needs to be given to Dan Warren. Projects on last year's list didn't happen. We should try to do last year's list before July 1, and make a new list for this year.
15. Town Updates. Corey reported on a warrant article that would give the Town the power to drop speed limits in "Senior Zones". Mike reminded all TAC members to take the on line Ethics Quiz and then give him their certificate of completion.
16. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Handouts:

- Ed's Meeting Package: 1) Agenda 3/10/10; 2) Memo from TAC to Board of Selectmen Re. No Left Turn from Stratton School Circle, dated March 8, 2010; 3) Memo from TAC to Board of Selectmen Re. All Way Stop at Oakland and Renfrew, dated March 8, 2010; 4) Email from Mike Gallagher to Elaine Hurley et al Re. Crazy driving in Arlington, dated March 2, 2010; 5) Email from Ed Starr to Mike Gallagher Re. Crazy driving in Arlington, Dated March 3, 2010; 6) Email from Fred Ryan to Scott Smith et al Re. Bicycle Safety Program, presentation to Board of Selectmen, dated March 2, 2010; 7) Active/Planned TAC Projects and Working Groups, dated 3/10/10; 8) Project Status, dated 3/10/10; 9) Status of Outstanding Actions, dated 3/10/10; 10) Draft Actions from 2/22 TAC Meeting; 11) Memo from Transportation Advisory Committee to Board of Selectmen Re. Crosswalk at Library Way/Mass. Ave., dated October 27, 2005; 12) Bicycle Safety Program; 13) 2009 Thermoplastic Crosswalks; 14) Memo from Transportation Advisory Committee to Board of Selectmen Re. MBTA Bus Shelters, dated March 8, 2010;
- Minutes of 2/22/10
- Meeting Announcement, "Transportation Options for Arlington Seniors", March 16, 2010.
- "Battle Road Scenic Byway Working Group Members", June, 2009; Work Plan Summary For the Battle Road Scenic Byway Roadway Conditions Subcommittee; "Battle Road Scenic Byway Arlington Forum"
- Transportation Advisory Committee, Current Web Site, New Web Site
- Arlington TAC Meeting March 10, 2010, Speed Bump on Eustis Street (Report by Howard Muise)